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The **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** issued a letter to Obama Nov. 10 regarding his trip to China. "The letter makes the point that you cannot engage in China ... without having very serious and candid dialogue about protection of human rights," **USCIRF** Chairman Leonard Leo said at a news conference before the hearing.

Rep. Chris Smith, R.-N.J., who chaired the commission hearing, said, "I believe the Chinese government would respond to the president if he were to take the lead in speaking up in defense of human rights in China."

Jiang appealed to Obama to speak to Chinese officials about reinstating his law license, which was revoked along with those of other attorneys earlier this year for defending human rights cases.